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Chips from now-defunct Playboy casino turn up on eBay

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Construction in Mississippi has resurrected a piece of Atlantic City's past, and eBay sellers are reaping the profits. Chips from the failed Playboy casino, which left the city more than 20 years ago, have been showing up on eBay in large numbers recently. On Friday afternoon, there were 82 listings offering various coins from the long-gone gambling hall.

"Awesome chips from a hole that was not supposed to be found from 1984," writes seller kpie8498, who is offering 64 chips ranging from \$25 to \$100 each. The listing includes a photo of the hole - with what appears to be hundreds of chips - at a construction site in Hernando, Miss.

Apparently, the coins were sent to Green Duck Manufacturing in Hernando to be destroyed, according to casino coin collector and expert Archie Black. Unlike most casino chips, the Playboy's have a metallic center and could not be destroyed on-site in Atlantic City, as the Sands Casino Hotel did with its remaining supply when it closed recently.

But what happened to the Playboy coins after they got to Mississippi is a mystery. Green Duck eventually closed, and late last year a 9,100-square-foot community center went up in its place, according to a Sept. 22 story on the construction in the DeSoto Times. "I was able to get a complete set before they covered the hole with cement," kpie8498 wrote in the eBay

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posting. An e-mail requesting more information was not answered by deadline.

It seems the concrete didn't seal Playboy's fate,

however.

Another eBay poster, who goes by midtownjonny, said his wife found the six chips he has up for bid at the old Green Duck building, where she takes a class.

"What a find these are," he wrote, without giving his real name. "These were washed up by the rain. She cleaned them up, and they look like new."

Bids on the set consisting of chips worth \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100 and \$500 had already received nine bids



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